



## **A Celebration of our Oceans, Coasts and Great Lakes**

**U.S. Ocean Action Plan Symposium –  
A Working Session on Key Issues**  
Dirksen Senate Office Building – Room 106

**Monday, June 6, 2005**  
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The symposium will focus on the Administration's response to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report. Panelists will discuss progress in implementing the U.S. Ocean Action Plan that was released in December 2004. An overview of the Ocean Action Plan will be presented followed by panel discussions on specific issues.

### **Welcome**

### **Overview of the U.S Ocean Action Plan**

Principles of the Ocean Action Plan: James Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality

### **Advancing Our Understanding of Oceans, Coasts and Great Lakes**

Moderator: Kathie Olsen, Associate Director for Science, White House Office of Science and Technology

Ocean Research Plan: Margaret Leinen, Associate Director for Geosciences, NSF and Co-Chair, Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology

National Water Quality Monitoring Network: Robert Hirsch, Chair, National Water Quality Monitoring Council and Associate Director of Water, USGS

Integrated Ocean Observing Systems: Tom Skinner, Vice President for Massachusetts, Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System (GoMOOS) and Project Manager, Durand & Anastas Environmental Strategies, Inc.

Ocean Research Community Perspective: RADM Richard West, President, Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education

Discussion – How do we effectively link science to management decision making in an ecosystem framework?

## **Break**

### **Enhancing Resource Use and Managing our Oceans, Coasts & Watersheds**

Moderator: Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget and Deputy Secretary Designee, Department of the Interior

Sustainable Marine Fisheries: William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA

Coral Reef Conservation, Wetlands, MPAs: Timothy R.E. Keeney, Co-Chair Coral Reef Task Force & Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans

Watersheds and Outreach: Jerry Enzler, Director, National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center Steering Committee

Conservation Community Perspective: Lynne Hale, Director Global Marine Initiative, The Nature Conservancy and Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership National Advisory Committee

Discussion –How do we implement an ecosystem approach to resource use and management?

## **Break**

### **Enhancing Ocean Leadership and Coordination**

Moderator: Ben Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water, EPA

International Ocean Policy: John Turner, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Environment, State Department

Federal Coordination and Governance: Kameran Onley, Associate Director for Environmental Policy, CEQ, and Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources

Regional Partnerships in the Gulf of Mexico: Katherine Andrews, Director of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Discussion – How do we provide leadership and improved coordination of efforts in an ecosystem context?

**Closing Remarks and Adjourn to Reception**

**Senator John H. Chafee Coastal Stewardship Award Reception**

SR 325 Russell Senate Office Building - Caucus Room

**Monday, June 6, 2005**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Reception**

**Welcome & Introductions**

James Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality  
Chair, Coastal America Partnership

Recognition of Congressional Members, Principals and Honored Guests

**Senator John H. Chafee Coastal Stewardship Award**

Remarks by Senator Lincoln Chafee (RI)

Introduction of Admiral James Watkins – Senator Ted Stevens (AK)

**Presentation of Award to:**

Admiral James D. Watkins, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

**Closing Remarks**

Please stay and join us for the reception.

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